AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

- 1. (Currently Amended) A rust-preventive water-oil separating cleaner composition for contacting with a part to be eleandcleaned to which at least one oil selected from the group consisting of grease-base grease-based oil, naphthene-base naphthene-based mineral oil, paraffin-base paraffin-based mineral oil, poly-α-olefin, polyol ester, and polydimethyl siloxane attaches, and the composition separating the oil from the part, while providing the partspart with a rust-preventive property, thus forming an oil layer containing the oil, the composition comprising:
- (X) an ethylene oxide additive of monoalkyl amine represented by the general formula (1), and
- (Y) at least one compound selected from the group consisting of[[;]] an N-monoalkyl-N-(2-hydroxyalkyl)-iminoethylene carboxylate having <u>a</u> hydrocarbon group with the <u>a</u> number of carbon atoms from 8 to 22; an acylated amino acid salt having <u>a</u> hydrocarbon group with the <u>a</u> number of carbon atoms from 8 to 22; an alkyloyl sarcosinate having <u>a</u> hydrocarbon group with the <u>a</u> number of carbon atoms from 8 to 22, and a tall oil fatty acid salt[[.]]

[Chemical Formula 1]

$$R - N - (CH_2CH_2O)_mH$$

 $| (CH_2CH_2O)_nH$ (1)

(in the general formula (1), wherein R designates an alkyl group having \underline{a} straight chain or \underline{a} side chain with the \underline{a} number of carbon atoms from 7 to 9, m designates $\underline{a}\underline{n}$ integer from 0 to 2, n designates an integer from 0 to 2, and (m + n) designates $\underline{a}\underline{n}$ integer from 1 to 3.[[]]

- 2. (Currently Amended) The rust-preventive water-oil separating cleaner composition according to claim 1, wherein the (m + n) in the general formula (1) is an integer of 1 or 2.
- 3. (Currently Amended) The rust-preventive water-oil separating cleaner composition according to claim 1-or 2, wherein the R in the general formula (1) is a 2-ethylhexyl group.
- 4. (Currently Amended) The rust-preventive water-oil separating cleaner composition in any one of claims according to claim 1-to 3, wherein the mass ratio of the (X) component to and the (Y) component [[,]] have a mass ratio [(Wx)/(Wy)][[,]] is in a range from 3/7 to 7/3.

5. (Currently Amended) A cleaning method comprising the steps of:

placing a part to be cleaned to which oil is attached <u>to in</u> contact with a cleaning liquid containing the rust-preventive water-oil separating cleaner composition according to <u>any one of claimsclaim</u> 1; to 4

and to separate separating the oil from the part, while providing the part with a rust-preventive property;

and-forming an oil layer containing the oil; and

reusing an aqueous layer <u>as the cleaning liquid</u>, wherein the aqueous layer is obtained by removing the oil layer from the cleaning liquid after contacting with the part, as the cleaning liquid.

6. (Currently Amended) The cleaning method according to claim 5, wherein the cleaning liquid has a pH, and the pH of the cleaning liquid containing the rust-preventive water-oil separating cleaner composition is adjusted to 7.5 or higher larger.